

devolution of powers to the State. Details and modalities of such devolution were however not discussed in the said meeting.

(d) No, Sir.

**Implementation of preventive detention law**

1915. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Vajpayee trips upon Preventive Detention Law" appearing in "The Times of India" dated the 7th July, 2000;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that as alleged in the report, Government have so far not implemented the guidelines provided for in the Constitution (44th Amendment) Bill, passed by the Parliament and Assented to by the President in 1979;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the same are proposed to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. Section 3 of the Constitution (44th Amendment) Act, 1978 seeks to amend clauses (4) and (7) of Article 22 of the Constitution of India relating to Preventive detention. The Sub-section (2) of section 1 of the Act provides that the Act shall come into force on a date to be notified by the Central Government in the official gazette and different dates may be appointed for different provisions of the Act. While other provisions have since been implemented, the provisions relating to Section 3 have not been notified so far. The matter has been considered by the Government as different occasions and decision in this regard was postponed. No time frame can be laid for issuing the notification.